

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GENEVA 09677 061328Z

53

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 FRB-03 INR-07

NSAE-00 CIEP-01 SP-02 STR-04 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01

SAM-01 OMB-01 AGRE-00 STRE-00 EA-07 /070 W

----- 013302

O 061251Z DEC 76

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4015

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 9677

DEPT. ALSO PASS STR FOR AMB. DENT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJ: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL

REF: MORRIS/PHELAN/SMITH TELECON DECEMBER 6

1. AT REQUEST OF USEC BRUSSELS, FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED  
FOR USE AS TALKING POINTS WITH EC OFFICIALS:

2. THERE IS DEVELOPING A CONSENSUS HERE SHARED INVARYING  
DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM BY ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT THE COM-  
MUNITY TOWARD THE FOLLOWING POSITION: THE MFA WHILE  
IMPERFECT MERITS EXTENSION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT  
WITHOUT FORMAL REPEAT FORMAL AMENDMENT. INDEED, THE LDC  
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND THE USG ARE PREPARED TO EXTEND  
THE MFA NOW (THE PERIOD OF EXTENSION YET TO BE DETERMINED).  
MOST PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER QUOTE  
IMPROVEMENTS UNQUOTE ARE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY CAN BE  
ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH PROCEDURAL CHANGES SUCH AS MORE  
FREQUENT TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THROUGH BILATERAL  
NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE MFA UMBRELLA. THE NORDICS,  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GENEVA 09677 061328Z

CANADIANS, AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE PRIVATELY STATED TO LONG

THAT THEY WOULD NOT BLOCK SUCH A CONSENSUS, AND WE BELIEVE THE JAPANESE WOULD LIKEWISE GO ALONG. HOWEVER, THE EC (MEYNELL) TOLD LONG AT MEETING WITH IMPORTING COUNTRIES THAT EC WOULD QUOTE BE BOUND TO OBJECT UNQUOTE TO THE CHAIR MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT OF POSITION.

3. WHAT WE SEEK FROM THE EC IS ITS WILLINGNESS NOT RPT NOT TO BLOCK THAT CONSENSUS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE EC HAS INTERNAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAKE ENDORESEMENT OF THIS CONSENSUS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE FORMAL AMENDMENTS TO THE MFA OF THE RESTRICTIVE SORT THE EC HAS INDICATED IT FAVORS ARE SIMPLY IN THE CARDS. FURTHERMORE WE BELIEVE WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN LIMITING THE LDC MFA DEMANDS TO SIMPLE RENEWAL WITHOUT FORMAL AMENDMENTS, A POSITION WHICH IS CONTINGENT UPON IMPORTING COUNTRIES ALSO NOT RPT NOT INSISTING ON FORMAL AMENDMENTS. HOW LONG THAT LDC POSITION CAN BE SUSTAINED IS VERY QUESTIONABLE. MOREOVER, ABILITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OTHER THAN EC TO HOLD BACK PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES OF THEIR INDUSTRIES MAY ALSO HAVE A SHORT LIFE.

4. IN SUM, WE THINK WE NOW HAVE THE BEST CHANCE WE MAY EVER HAVE TO PREVENT DISORDER IN INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE TRADE. WE DON'T THINK THE EC WANTS TO PROVOKE A BREAKDOWN OF INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE COOPERATION ANY MORE THAN WE DO. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT ASKING THAT THE EC ENDORSE THIS CONSENSUS, BUT WE ARE ASKING THAT THE EC NOT BLOCK A SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE TC CHAIRMAN THAT A CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED THAT THE MFA IS TO BE EXTENDED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978, WITH POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO BE DISCUSSED IN SUBSEQUENT TC MEETING EARLY IN 1977.CATTO

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AGREEMENTS, TEXTILES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 06 DEC 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976GENEVA09677  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760450-0328  
**From:** GENEVA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19761270/aaaacist.tel  
**Line Count:** 94  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05 APR 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <11 AUG 2004 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL  
**TAGS:** ETRD  
**To:** EC BRUSSELS  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006